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SUBPART D: ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Section 121.61 Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards

a) Gross Monthly Income Eligibility Standards

- 1) The gross income standards of eligibility shall be 130 percent of the nonfarm income poverty guidelines prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget (see 7 CFR 273.9(a)(1)) for all households except categorical households as defined in Section 121.76. Households that do not contain an elderly, blind or disabled person shall be considered categorically eligible if the household's gross income is at or below 165% of the nonfarm income poverty guidelines. Elderly, blind or disabled households shall be considered categorically eligible if the household's gross income is at or below 200% of the nonfarm income poverty guidelines. Households containing a member who is elderly, blind or disabled that are not categorically eligible will be exempt from this gross income check (see also 7 CFR 273.9(c)), but must meet the net income standards in Section 121.60. To qualify for increased benefits, a household must contain a member who meets one of the following requirements:

- A) A member is 60 years of age or older. An individual is considered

age 60 in the fiscal month in which he or she becomes 60.

- B) A member receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits under Title XVI of the Social Security Act, (this includes the household where the member is receiving SSI income pending a final decision from the Social Security Administration. This SSI income is being provided on a temporary or emergency basis).
- C) A member receives Social Security disability or blindness benefits under Title II (RSDI) of the Social Security Act.
- D) A member receives State Supplemental Payment (SSP) due to blindness or disability.
- E) A veteran with a service-connected disability rated or paid as totally disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- F) A veteran considered by the VA to be in need of regular aid and attendance or permanently housebound.
- G) A veteran's surviving spouse who is considered in need of aid and attendance or considered permanently housebound by the VA or a veteran's surviving child who is considered permanently incapable of self-support by the VA.
- H) A veteran's surviving spouse or child entitled to compensation for a service-connected death or pension benefits for a nonservice-connected death from the VA, if the spouse or child also has a disability considered permanent under Social Security requirements.
- I) A member receives federal, state, or local government disability pension and is considered permanently disabled under Social Security requirements.
- J) A member receives Railroad Retirement disability benefits.
- K) A member receives an annuity payment from Railroad Retirement and is eligible for Medicare.
- L) A member receives disability-related medical assistance benefits (Categories 92, 93 and P3) under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act.

- 2) For those veterans, surviving spouses, or children mentioned in subsections (a)(1)(F) and (G), proof of receipt of VA disability benefits is sufficient verification of disability. For those veterans mentioned in subsection (a)(1)(E), a verified statement, in writing, from the VA that the individual is totally disabled must be provided. To verify disability for those individuals mentioned in subsection (a)(1)(H), the individual must provide a statement from the Social Security Administration or from a physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 [225 ILCS 60], or a licensed or certified psychologist under the Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act [225 ILCS 15] that the individual suffers from one of the disabilities listed in the preamble to Section 221(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 421(i)) or if the disability is obvious, by the observation of the caseworker (for example, permanent loss of use of both hands).
- 3) Legally obligated child support payments paid by a household member to or for a nonhousehold member shall be excluded from gross income when comparing income to the gross income standard to determine eligibility.

b) The gross income standards are:

Household Size	Gross Income 130%	Gross Income 165%	Gross Income 200%
One Person	\$1,580	\$2,005	\$2,430
Two Persons	2,137	2,712	3,286
Three Persons	2,694	3,419	4,142
Four Persons	3,250	4,125	4,998
Five Persons	3,807	4,832	5,854
Six Persons	4,364	5,539	6,710
Seven Persons	4,921	6,246	7,566
Eight Persons	5,478	6,952	8,422
Each Additional Member	+ 507	+ 707	+ 856

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Section 121.63 Deductions from Monthly Income

- a) The deductions described in this Section shall be allowed in the determination of the adjusted net monthly SNAP income.
- b) Earned Income Deduction. Eighty percent of total gross earned income is

considered. See Sections 121.40 through 121.54 for a description of earned income.

- c) Standard Deduction. The standard deduction for a household size of one through three persons is \$194. The standard deduction for a household size of four persons is \$204. The standard deduction for a household size of five persons is \$240. For households of six or more persons, the standard deduction is \$275. Due to the Standard Medical Deduction Demonstration Project, the standard deduction will be adjusted as explained in subsection (i).

d) Dependent Care Deduction

- 1) The dependent care deduction consists of payments for the care of a child or other dependent when necessary for a household member to accept or continue employment or to seek employment in compliance with the job search criteria or to attend training or pursue education which is preparatory for employment (see 89 Ill. Adm. Code 112.70 through 112.83).
- 2) The amount of the deduction is to be determined by the actual costs for care per month for each dependent household member.

- ~~e) Child Support Deduction. The child support deduction is the amount of legally obligated child support paid by a household member to or for a nonhousehold member.~~

ef) Shelter Costs Deduction

- 1) The shelter deduction is the amount of shelter costs that exceeds 50% of the household's total income after the allowable deductions in subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e) have been made. The shelter deduction shall not exceed \$672.
- 2) If the household contains a member who is elderly or disabled, as defined at 7 CFR 271.2 (2013) and Section 121.61, there is no limit on the amount of the excess shelter deduction.
- 3) Shelter costs include only the following:
 - A) continuing charges for the shelter occupied by the household (rent, mortgage and other charges leading to the ownership of the shelter, including interest on such charges);

B) property taxes, State and local assessments and insurance on the structure itself; and

C) utility costs, as described in subsection (h).

4) Shelter costs for a home temporarily unoccupied by the household because of employment or training away from home, illness or abandonment caused by a natural disaster or casualty loss, if:

A) the household intends to return to the home;

B) the current occupants of the home, if any, are not claiming the shelter costs for SNAP purposes; and

C) the home is not leased or rented during the absence of the household.

5) Charges for repair of a home which was damaged or destroyed due to a natural disaster. Shelter costs shall not include repair charges which have been or will be reimbursed by private or public relief agencies, insurance companies or any other source.

f) Homeless Shelter Deduction

The standard homeless shelter deduction is \$179 a month for households in which all members are homeless individuals but are not receiving free shelter throughout the month. A homeless household with qualifying shelter expenses may choose to use the standard homeless shelter deduction (in lieu of the shelter deduction as described in subsection (f)), as a deduction from net income in determining SNAP eligibility and allotments. A homeless household receiving the standard homeless shelter deduction may not have its shelter expenses considered as part of the shelter deduction or the standard utility allowances. A homeless household may choose to claim actual costs under the shelter deduction instead of claiming the standard homeless shelter deduction if actual costs are higher and verified.

g) Utility Costs

1) Utility costs include:

A) the cost of heating and cooking fuel, air conditioning, electricity, water, sewerage, garbage and trash collection;

B) basic service fee for one telephone (including tax on the basic fee) of \$75; and

C) fees charged by the utility provider for initial installation.

2) Utility deposits are not considered to be utility costs.

3) A standard must be used if the household is billed for utilities. Federal regulations require an annual review of the State's utility standards and approval of the utility standard amounts by Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). See subsection (h)(7) for households that claim utility expenses for an unoccupied home. Households that are billed for heating or air conditioning, or both, or heating, air conditioning and electricity, must use the air conditioning/heating standard allowance of \$577. Those households that are not billed for air conditioning or heating but are billed for at least two other utilities must use the limited utility standard allowance of \$386. Those households that are not billed for air conditioning or heating but are billed for a single utility, other than telephone, must use the single utility standard allowance of \$62. If only a separately-billed telephone expense is claimed, the basic telephone standard allowance of \$75 per month will be allowed. Households living in rental housing who are billed on a regular basis by a landlord for costs for utilities must use the appropriate standard.

4) A household that is billed less often than monthly for its costs for utilities must continue to use the appropriate standard between billing months.

5) Households in public housing or privately-owned rental units that receive a bill for over-usage are entitled to use the air conditioning/heating standard allowance. When households (as defined at 7 CFR 273.1(a) (2013)) live together, the air conditioning/heating standard allowance, the limited utility standard allowance, or the single utility standard allowance, whichever is appropriate, shall be allowed for each household that contributes toward the utility costs whether or not each household participates in the program.

6) Households whose expense for heat or electricity, or both, is covered by indirect energy assistance payments under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) (47 Ill. Adm. Code 100) shall be entitled to the air conditioning/heating standard allowance (7 CFR 273.9 and 273.10(d)(6) (2013)). Households who receive a LIHEAP payment of \$21 or more during the month of application or the preceding 12-month period shall be allowed the air conditioning/heating standard allowance (7 CFR 273.9 (2013)). The provisions of subsection (f)(3) are applicable to households whose expenses for heating or electricity, or both, are covered

by indirect energy assistance payments.

- 7) A household that has both an occupied home and an unoccupied home is entitled to only one standard. The appropriate utility standard may be used for the home the household chooses.

h) Excess Medical Deduction. A deduction for excess medical expenses shall be allowed for households which contain an elderly or disabled member as defined at 7 CFR 271.2 (2013) and Section 121.61. When a qualifying household member incurs medical expenses that are over \$35, the household will be given a Standard Medical Deduction if the expenses will not be reimbursed by insurance or a third party. The Standard Medical Deduction is a result of a Demonstration Project authorized by USDA FNS. The Standard Medical Deduction is \$450 a month for residents of Group Homes or Supportive Living Facilities and \$150 a month for all other eligible households. Households whose medical expenses exceed \$485 and \$185 a month, respectively, may opt to claim actual documented medical expenses in lieu of the Standard Medical Deduction and the amount over \$35 will be allowed as a deduction. To ensure federal costs do not increase, the Standard Deduction in subsection (c) will be reduced by \$4 per month for all SNAP households.

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